



Seven Ways to Become Fascinated by a “Boring” Text

WONDER, WONDER, WONDER.

1. Ask questions, especially “Why? How? What?”
2. Realize that this topic is so interesting that people have spent their entire professional lives studying it.
3. Make yourself be curious; make yourself be interested. Learn more about the topic. Maybe you don’t know enough to be curious.
4. Predict – try to guess. . .
 - the answers to your questions,
 - where the author is headed—try to second-guess the author.
5. Find or create an authentic reason/purpose for learning the information: a service, an application, a pressing need, etc. “To pass a test,” while a survival goal, cannot energize your learning.
6. Think of yourself as a scholar, a scientist, or an artist and be determined to create new ideas, possibilities and original insights using the text as a springboard.
7. Integrate your abilities, prior knowledge, opinions, insights, and experiences with what you are reading.

